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should be reduced or the ryots should be allowed to have the receipts entered in their own books.

Dewan's reply.—We are calling for information from the Peishkars as to the income derived from this particular source and when that information comes in, we shall consider if we can either reduce the charge or wholly do away with it. We recognise that Government must ordinarily undergo the expense of giving receipts to parties for monies paid by them.

11. Registry of porambokes in the names of owners of adjoining lands.

Mr. Subramonia Karayalan (Member, Shencottah Taluk) pointed out that, in measuring lands, when excesses over the ayacut areas were found, they were being treated as Sirkar *thanathu* and registered indiscriminately in the names of persons who applied for them to the detriment of the claims of adjoining landowners. This gave rise to disputes between those owners and the new comers and he therefore requested that preference should be given to the owners of adjoining lands.

Dewan's reply.—Ordinarily, a poramboke is a land, which should not be registered in any body's name. The practice now seems to be, when a poramboke is not required for a public purpose, to notify it in the Gazette and after that is done, the Revenue department disposes of it. This is a reasonable practice. I may, however, say that, when a poramboke is transferred from that head and made available for occupation, the claims of adjoining landowners must be favourably considered and Government will issue instructions accordingly.

12. Delay in issue of pattas for puduvals.

Mr. N. Velayudhan Pillai (Member, Pattanapuram Taluk) represented the delay in the issue of pattas in regard to puduvals adjoining forest reserves even after the realization of the value of land and trees, on the ground that the pattas could be issued only with the concurrence of the Forest department, but that department were delaying disposal of the matter and subjecting the applicants to much suffering by their actions.

Dewan's reply.—If the member will write later on quoting specific instances of delay, we shall enquire.

13. Re-adjustment of the Vadakadama tax.

Mr. M. Narayana Kurup (Member, Vilavankod Taluk) said that originally the tax known as *Vadakadama* was levied at the rate of 5 fanams per kotta of 7 paras and 5 edangalies; but at the settlement the tax was raised to 11¼ fanams at the rate of 6 chuckrams per para. He requested that the tax might be fixed at the original amount.

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